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1. FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR JULY 19 THAT KING HASSAN WOULD MEET WITH GOA PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND GIRM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH JULY 23-24 IN AGADIR. INTERESTINGLY, ACCORDING KNOWLEDGEABLE WESTERN JOURNALIST, ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR RABAT AS LATE AS EVENING JULY 18 HAD SAID HE UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR BOUMEDIENE VISIT AND WAS CABLING FOR INSTRUCTIONS. MAURITANIAN EMBASSY HERE HAD ALSO PROFESSED IGNORANCE VISIT, SAME SOURCE SAID.

2. MEANWHILE, KENITRA TRIAL OF SUBVERSIVES CONTINUES TO PRODUCE TESTIMONY TENDING TO INDICATE THAT SOME ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES AT LEAST MUST HAVE BEEN AWARE OF ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-GOM REBELS RESPONSIBLE FOR MARCH ATTACKS AND WHO FROM TESTIMONY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN BASED IN ORAN. THUS, PLUS PAST HISTORY OF MUTUAL SUSPICION ON SUBJECT OF SPANISH SAHARA, AND RECENT UNILATERAL ALGERIAN RATIFICATION OF BORDER AGREEMENT, HARDLY CREATES
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